



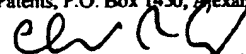
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In re Patent Application of:

Inventor: Lee W. MUELLER
Assignee: Simpson Strong-Tie Company, Inc.
Title: PRE-ASSEMBLED INTERNAL SHEAR PANEL
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PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT (UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181)

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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions to withdraw the holding of abandonment that has been imposed in this case. The fee for the petition under 37 CFR 1.181, as stated in 37 CFR 1.17(f) of \$400.00 is enclosed herewith. Applicant hereby also petitions to have the Patent Office accord the filing date for Applicant's correspondence filed on November 10, 2004 by Express Mail. Applicant believes that no fee for the petition under 37 CFR 1.10(e) is required. If this belief is in error, or the fees have been amended without Applicant's knowledge, Applicant authorizes the Commissioner to pay any

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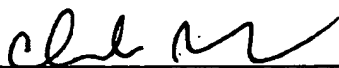
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In consideration of these submissions and explanations, it is respectfully requested that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn, and that the application proceed to examination on the basis of the Request for Continued Examination filed on November 10, 2004.

I, Charles R. Cypher, having been duly warned that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this document or the instant application, I hereby declare that I am authorized to execute this document; that the facts set forth herein are true; that all statements made of my own knowledge are true; and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true.

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